

By the Kynge and the Queene.



HER Eas the Queenes hyghnes is infourmed,
that dyuers and sondry euill disposed personnes,
Shipmaysters, mariners, and sea faringe men, late-
ly prested and reteyned to serue in her maiesties
flaup of Wyppes, presently prepared and set forth
to the Seas, aswell for the defence of her graces
Realmes and Dominions, as also for the better an-
nopaunce and empechement of the enemye, haue

*Proclamation against
such as whether prest
or entered serving the
crown without license
on pain of death*

without anye iust cause and sufficient pasporte and lycence obteyned of the lozde Admy-
rall, or bytheadmyrall of the flete in that behalfe appoynted, contrary to their dueties of
obedience and seruyce, due by good subiectes, withd:awen them selves from the sayde ser-
uyce, both to the greate detriment of her Maiesties affayres, and to the euill example of
other her hyghnes subiectes, nowe seruyng and placed alreadye, and appoynted in the
sayde flaup. Her hyghnes therefore myndynge that the sayd offenders, byng and prac-
tyfynge such deceyte and fraud shuld not escape vnponished, and that also by this example
of ponyfment, al other persons so reteined or to be reteyned to serue on the Seas, may
take suffycient admonition and warnynge howe to auoyde the daunger of suche offence,
and to preuent the peryll whych myght ensue throughe the lacke of their dueties to be
by them admynistred in thys behalfe, doth by thys her hyghnes proclamation expressly &
strayghtlye forbyd, that no person or persons hereafter, by any coloure, fraude, or deceite
do attempte vpon payne of death, to withd:awe him or them selves from her graces sayd
seruyce, without a sufficient pasporte, signed by the hand of the Lozde Admyrall, or of the
sayde bytheadmyrall of the flete, wherein he or they shalbe soo appoynted to serue.

And further, mooste straightly chargeth and commaundeth all Iustices of peace, Iudges,
Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Constables, Hedborowes, and al other her hyghnes officers, miny-
sters, and subiectes, to whome auctorite is commytted for the execution of lawes, and for
the good gouernance and order of the people, to apprehend and commyt to warde euery
such Shipmaister, maryner, or sea faring man, which at any tyme liethens he was prested, or
that from the time the same shalbe hereafter prested, hath or shal commyt offence contrary
to the tenure of thys proclamation, whersoever the same person or persons shal happen
to be founde, in anye Citie, Towne, Bozroughe, Wyllage, or other place wythin thys her
Maiesties Realme, there to remayne wythoute bayle or maynepyce, vntyll the Lozde
Admyrall being certifyed therof, do geue order for his or thys enlargemēt or cōtinuance
in pryson as to hys discreccion shal seme conuenient. And soasmuche as thys seruyce on
the Seas shal much conduce to the furtheraunce of the honoꝝ, and seruice of the Realme,
whych euer good Subiecte oweth to tender, and to hys vttermooste power accoꝝdng
to hys degree and vocation, to aduaunce and sette forth.

Her hyghnes chesones willeth and requyrez al iudices of peace, Iudges, Sherifes, and
other the sayde officers, that they do attend to the diligent and carefull execution of the
premisses, as they and euery of them tendze her maiesties fauour, and will answer for the
contrarye at his or their extreme perills. Given at Greenwich the .xxix. day of March.

God saue the Kynge and the Quene.

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